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SUBJECT: LAWS GOVERNING FIREARMS IMPORTATION

REF: STATE 177789

1. ON GROUNDS THAT THERE IS NO ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL COMMERCIAL IMPORTATION OF U.S. FIREARMS AND/OR AMMUNITION INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, RESPONSIBLE FOREIGN TRADE COMPANY (MERKURIA), CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE HAVE ALL DECLINED TO FURNISH EMBASSY WITH INFORMATION REQUESTED REFTEL.
2. BASED ON ITS KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL CONDITIONS, HOWEVER, EMBASSY CAN STATE WITH CONFIDENCE THAT FIRM ORDER OR CONTRACT FROM A CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATION (FTO) WOULD IN AND OF ITSELF INDICATE HOST GOVERNMENT APPROVAL OF TRANSACTION. WHILE CZECHOSLOVAK FTO'S MAY, FOR LEGAL PURPOSES, BE DESCRIBED AS "INDEPENDENT," THEY ARE IN FACT INSTRUMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT, RESPONSIBLE TO THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE ON QUESTIONS OF POLICY.
3. IN-COUNTRY HANDLING AND SALES OF FIREARMS ARE UNDER CLOSE AND CONTINUOUS GOVERNMENT CONTROL. STATE-OWNED STORES ARE THE ONLY OUTLETS FOR FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION, WHICH ARE SOLD ONLY TO LICENSED INDIVIDUALS AND/OR STATE-CONTROLLED CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS. ALL SUCH SALES OR TRANSFERS FO FIREARMS ARE REGISTERED AND REPORTED.

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